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## THE BIG **BLUE PHROG** NEWSLETTER

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Sun., May 15 – 11:00 AM

The upcoming service is entitled “*These Anxious Days: Fear and Faith in Troubled Times*,” delivered by Member Judy Shofner, MA, LPC. Sara Hudson will be Celebrant. Childcare is available for anyone who needs it. To watch from home, link to Facebook Live event @ <https://fb.me/e/7b.me/e/7BM4hY4Cc> . You'll see a notification: UUFW Live Streaming Service. Follow the prompts and join us.

#### Wed., May 18 – Meditation at Noon

Find your mantra with Becky Warren each Wednesday at noon. We meet in the Sofa Room at the Fellowship.

#### Women's Group Scheduled Events:

Wed., May 18 – 7:30 PM – Via Zoom (see Facebook for link)

Wed., June 9 – 6:30 PM – *Cakes for the Queen of Heaven, Session 4 – gathering at the Fellowship at 6:15 PM and starting at 6:30 PM. Becky Warren and Anita Knight are our leaders this month. The "Cakes" curriculum is a lifelong learning endeavor focusing on the roles of women in ancient times. Then, we were educators, healers, and community leaders who sought peaceful (not warring) solutions to conflict. Women were often priestesses, even gods. Somewhere along the way, we lost that high status due to the growing domination of the religious leadership of men. The course was developed by educators in the UUA and offers a fascinating look into our history through the centuries.*

Saturday, May 21 – Noon - Vegan & Vegetarian Potluck Luncheon – All are welcome.

#### Humanist Covenant Group Report

Ten people participated in the first meeting of UUFW's Humanist Covenant Group Thursday night. In the comfort of the Fellowship's cozy sofa room, we discussed what Humanism is and how in line it is with Unitarian Universalism. Jim McKeown read through the "Humanist Manifesto III," published by the American Humanist Association. The group will meet again on Thursday, June 16 at 6:30 PM. For more information, contact Jim at [chiron6783@gmail.com](mailto:chiron6783@gmail.com).

#### Reading Circle Report

Twelve people attended this month's Reading Circle on May 9<sup>th</sup> and reported on some very interesting books. We met at Anita Knight's home, with facilitation by Terri Jo and David Mosley. **Next get-together will be Monday, June 13.** Read on, everyone! And join us!

**Reviewing our UU Principles** – 8<sup>th</sup> Principle: This principle is new and not yet adopted by our UU Fellowship. It is: ***Racism is not our fault, but it's our responsibility.*** The language from the UUA goes on to say, “We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.” We will be discussing the adoption (or not) of this Principle soon.

**Cereal Sunday** – Please continue your generous contributions of cereal and other non-perishable food items, plus checks or change. All can be placed into the red Caritas bin in the foyer. Thank you for your continuing support. Questions? Want to help? Contact [socialactionteam@uuwaco.org](mailto:socialactionteam@uuwaco.org).

**Care Team Report** – Part of being in our UU community is helping to take care of each other. Update on Tim Battles (husband of member Sheri Battles): He is doing well and healing at home. Long-time friend of UU Waco, Jim Harris, was diagnosed with kidney cancer and will undergo surgery soon. Please keep him in your thoughts and consider calling or dropping a card in the mail, at Brookdale Lake Brazos #215, 3801 N. MLK Jr. Blvd., Waco, TX 76708.



**And** ... if you are looking for somewhere to share your nurturing skills, consider joining the Care Team c/o Liz Drees @ [liz.drees@uuwaco.org](mailto:liz.drees@uuwaco.org).

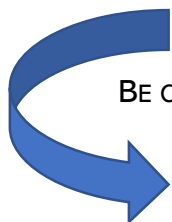
**Thanks to Kathy Overby and Marty and Lee VanWagner** for working so hard to beautify our church yard and gardens last week; and to Becky Warren and our church custodian, Paula Hanzlicek, for keeping our flowers and plants watered and thriving. This hard-working group could use a little more work, so if you're available - once or more often – talk with House & Grounds Chair Marty VanWagner @ [marty.vanwagner@uuwaco.org](mailto:marty.vanwagner@uuwaco.org) .

### DO YOU HAVE THE FUTURE ON YOUR MIND? BE A PART OF OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EVOLUTION

We are so grateful to Bruce Allen for all his hard work and the great job he has done for the last two years leading our antiracism education and initiatives. We certainly want to continue these RE sessions indefinitely, but in what format? Bruce, Marty VanWagner, and Barbara Locher have agreed to meet with interested parties to brainstorm how we will continue this journey. A sign-up sheet was passed around during a recent Sunday and quite a few people signed up to participate. But there's still time to get involved in shaping our future direction. Let us know if you'd like to join them or to offer suggestions c/o [bruce.allen@uuwaco.org](mailto:bruce.allen@uuwaco.org) or [marty.vanwagner@uuwaco.org](mailto:marty.vanwagner@uuwaco.org) .

Watch soon for monthly “*Members, Guests & Friends Information Sessions*” on Sundays in the Fellowship Hall following church services. Each month, one or more board members and/or other church leaders will answer questions and provide new insights into our Fellowship, our principles, our history and people. Watch for the table sign in Fellowship Hall announcing “sessions are open.”

A “**Becoming UU**” Class is also in the works for anyone interested in becoming a member. Mention your interest to any Board member – Anita Knight, Jane Kittner, Ramona McKeown, Terri Jo Mosley, Sara Hudson, Becky Warren, Lee or Marty VanWagner, and Bruce Allen.



#### FINAL BUT VERY IMPORTANT:

BE CAREFUL OF YOUR WORDS, TONE OF VOICE, AND INTENT.  
BE KIND AND COMPASSIONATE ...  
EVEN IF YOUR OWN PATH IS ROCKY.  
PEOPLE WILL REMEMBER YOUR MESSAGE TO THEM.  
MAKE IT POSITIVE!

